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June 25, 2014

Joe Nosef Chairman Mississippi Republican Partý 415 Yazoo Street Jackson, MS 39201

Re: Request to delay primary runoff election certification pending independent review of absentee balloting

Dear Chairman Nosef,

Mississippi and all of America have watched this primary runoff devolve into the type of election that causes distrust for our Republic's most sacred process -- free and fair elections. Specifically, the absentee ballot process has been turned into an early voting mechanism not protected by either law or precedent. This subversion sought to remove the oversight of the poll watchers by creating a get-out-the-vote machine without scrutiny.

On behalf of my client, True the Vote, a voters' rights organization, founded to inspire and equip volunteers across the nation for involvement at every stage of our electoral process and to actively protect the rights of legitimate voters, regardless of their political party affiliation, I write to advise you that my client is confident that violations of Mississippi and federal law have occurred and request that you take action to preserve the integrity of this important election. Section 23-15-571 of the Mississippi Code (1972) allows poll watchers who are qualified electors in the relevant precinct, as well as poll watchers appointed by a candidate, to challenge voter qualifications. True the Vote believes that concerned citizens, including poll watchers, who fit in both of the above-described categories, have been denied the ability to challenge absentee voter qualifications in compliance with the provisions of § 23-15-643, "an official shall announce the name of the voter and shall give any person present an opportunity to challenge in like manner and for the same cause as if the voter could have been challenged had he presented himself personally in such precinct to vote."

The systematic refusal to allow qualified poll watchers the ability to be present, to examine absentee voter qualifications and challenge where appropriate, creates an inappropriate cloud on any result of this important election. In order to avoid this result and potential state and federal legal challenge to the results, we request that you preserve the absentee ballots in their envelopes until there is an opportunity to examine the absentee voter list and make appropriate

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challenges. Furthermore, we request that you not certify this election until this matter can be satisfactorily resolved.

To restate, in order to avoid potential state and federal legal challenges we request that you preserve all absentee ballot applications, absentee ballots and accompanying mailing envelopes until the challenges to them can be resolved. Additionally, I request that you allow my client immediate access to these same public documents for its inspection and use in ensuring that the citizens of Mississippi are being afforded a fair and transparent election process.

Due to the urgent nature of this matter I request that you respond to me no later than Friday, June 27, 2014 by reply email to ehogue@bmplllp.com and to True the Vote President, Catherine Engelbrecht, at Catherine@TruetheVote.org confirming that you have taken the necessary steps to preserve the requested documents and stayed any certification thereof.

Yours sincerely,

L. Eades Hogue

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cc: Catherine Engelbrecht, True the Vote

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